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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 5845

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: POSITIVE CERTIFICATION

1. DURING RECENT CALL ON AMBASSADOR, VISITING GENERAL ELECTRIC COUNSEL VINCENT JOHNSON SAID THAT SINCE ABOUT TIME OF OCTOBER BAGHDAD MEETING ON BOYCOTT, GE HAS REFUSED TO RESPOND TO ANY REQUESTS WHICH REQUIRE WRITTEN REFERENCE TO ARAB BOYCOTT OR NEGATIVE CERTIFICATION REGARDING PRODUCT ORIGIN. COMPANY HAS CONSISTENTLY PROVIDED ONLY POSITIVE CERTIFICATION. JOHNSON SAID THAT, DURING RECENT MEETING, KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE, DIRECTOR GHARABALLY, VOLUNTEERED TO ACCEPT POSITIVE CERTIFICATION FOR ALL G E PRODUCTS COMING INTO KUWAIT. JOHNSON INDICATED THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS ALSO AGREED TO ACCEPT POSITIVE CERTIFICATION FOR GE EXPORTS.

2. FOR NEA: JOHNSON PLANS REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER IN EARLY JANUARY TO DISCUSS BOYCOTT ASPECTS OF ITS NUCLEAR POWER SALES EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST.
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3. COMMENT: WHILE GOK HAS ACCEPTED POSITIVE CERTIFICATION ON CASE BY CASE BASIS IN PAST AS RESULT COMPANY REQUESTS, THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE WE HAVE HEARD OF KUWAIT BOYCOTT OFFICE'S VOLUNTEERING BLANKET ACCEPTANCE OF POSITIVE CERTIFICATION. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IS IS RESULT KUWAITI DECISION OR WIDER

ARAB CONSENSUS, EITHER REACHED AT BAGHDAD BOYCOTT MEETING OR
IN DAMASCUS.
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